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Situation Report Winter Storm February 14, 2008, 10:00 a m New Information is in Bold-Faced Type

SUMMARY

Governor Blunt signed State of Emergency Executive Orders, which frees up state agency resources and authorizing the Missouri National Guard to assist local jurisdictions with emergency protective actions. Clearing skies with a short warming trend is indicated for the State of Missouri. Missouri State Highway Patrol report two deaths as result of this storm, both were involved with vehicles. Missouri Department of Transportation issued an emergency declaration to waive certain state and federal regulations for carriers who participate in emergency relief efforts.

Utility Outages

Public Service Commission and utilities report the following outages:

AmerenUE has 3113 customers mainly in the Cape Girardeau area. Ameren currently has over 1100 people working on power restoration in SE Missouri. Expects all customers that can be returned to service will be returned by this evening or in the morning (Friday) at the latest.

City Utilities of Springfield – Over 2,100 still without power as of 9:00 a.m. Feb 14, 2008.

Empire District - 80 customers without power.

Missouri Electric Cooperatives report 10,000 (Statewide) with about 5,000 in Black River Cooperative service areas.

County Reports:

Bollinger County – About **700-800** meters within the county without power. Major highways are clear. Secondary roads still need clearing. Only seven roads remain to be cleared and the county is working that problem. **Debris removal is a very high priority.** Dept of Conservation crews clearing debris off county gravel roads. One shelters remained open in Marble Hill that had **15** citizens.

Cape Girardeau County – There are two overnight shelters opened in Jackson and in Cape with a combined total of **80** people. There are electric wires down throughout the county. AmerenUE is working to restore power. Missouri National Guard is assisting with security and 4-wheel drive missions. Electricity restored to City of Jackson (but 200 customers are still without power due to tree limbs on their property). Streets are 95% passable. **Debris removal is a very high priority.**

Carter County – County road crews working hard to clear back roads and make passable. Debris removal is a very high priority.

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Douglas County—Power is back on at Ava. Some isolated outages. School is still closed.

Greene County— 44 people in the shelter. 2,100 City Utilities customers still without power and not expected to have everybody back on line by Saturday.

Scott County – Isolated pockets of outages. Roads should be cleared by this afternoon. One shelter open, but no body stayed. Emergency workers stayed in the shelter. City of Perkins was without water and power. A generator has been dispatched to assist in restoring the water system.

Stoddard County – City of Dexter just about back to normal. City of Dexter is assisting City of Advance with wastewater problem. 1/3 of Bloomfield's streets are impassable, two chain crews and a dump truck cleaning streets from Dexter are assisting Bloomfield. Two shelters were remaining open – one in Bloomfield (5 stayed overnight – two people left this morning.) and one in Advance (6 citizens stayed Overnight). Conservation crews are assisting in road clearance.

Webster County— Webster Electric still has 2300 customers without power in Rogersville, Fordland, and Diggins. Webster Electric expects main line to be back on Friday. Water has been distributed in the rural areas. One shelter remained open with 6 people staying overnight. Missouri Humane Society is taking care of pets and livestock for those that are in the shelter.

Wright County – Power company has 600 outages and has additional crews working the problem. **Debris removal is a very high priority.** All cities have power; the rural areas have minor debris removal issues. Secondary and back roads are ice covered. No shelters.

State Agencies

State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA) - the State EOC is activated at Level One. Operating hours are being reviewed and will be announced later today.

Missouri State Highway Patrol (MSHP) - no additional reports or requests of MSHP.

Division of Fire Safety is coordinating on mutual aid for firefighter; issued a Fire and Carbon Monoxide Prevention Safety Press Release. **No additional reports or requests of Fire Safety**

Department of Conservation crews are clearing debris off county gravel roads in Bollinger County. **No additional reports or requests from MDC.**

Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) – only two nursing facilities remain without power in Marble Hill (Bollinger County), but DHSS reports they have generators.

Department of Natural Resources working on extending the debris burn order. Working with local governments on drinking water issues, issued a Drinking Water Boil Press Release

Department of Social Services (DSS) is monitoring 10 shelters in 6 counties for 150 people. Coordinated Bollinger County's shelter request.

Department of Transportation (MoDOT) continues work on keeping primary and secondary state roads open. Working on lettered routes in Bollinger and Cape County. Issued an Emergency Declaration for carriers. **No additional reports or requests of MoDOT.**

Office of Administration – OA has dispatched three generators to Southeast Missouri.

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National Guard – At least 30 Soldiers are on State Emergency Duty (SED) in Cape Girardeau and Bollinger Counties assisting with security and transportation missions.

Non Government Organizations/Volunteer Organizations:

American Red Cross (ARC) continues supporting shelter operations. Working on water issues in Bollinger County.

Salvation Army is operating warming centers in Cape Girardeau and Springfield.

AmeriCorps is ready to respond to requests for assistance.

United Way 211 Service is now available for most areas of Missouri to assist citizens with disaster and information and referrals. In areas where 211 is not operational, citizens may call 800-427-4626. **Had more calls from volunteers and donations calls rather than calls for assistance. Will do client follow up.**

Weather

Warming trend will continue today, with highs in highs in 40s and 50s throughout the State. An artic cold front will cross Missouri Thursday afternoon/night and into Friday morning and may bring a mix of rain, snow, sleet and freezing precipitation to areas already suffering from icing. National Weather - Kansas City- expects only light snow showers with little or no accumulations. Friday's high temperatures will be in the 20s and 30s. Saturday night into Sunday, another storm, details have not been predicted.

Point of Contact:

The State Emergency Management Agency can be contacted at 573-526-9100. The Duty Officer number is 573-751-2748.